being with effect from 20th February, 1987.

Pension to former Indian National Army personnel

*188. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of applications for pension so far received from persons belonging to the former Indian National Army;

(b) how many of the applicants have been sanctioned pension so far;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to liberalise the rules governing payment of pension to freedom fighters with a view to extend such benefits to the civilian members of the former Indian National Army; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Freedom Fighters Division of Home Ministry received 34,665 in-time applications from Ex-INA personnel. Out of this, 18,814 persons have so far been sanctioned pension.

(c) and (d) According to existing provisions of the scheme, persons who had joined I.N.A. from Civilian side are also eligible for pension provided they had suffering as prescribed under the scheme. Government have constituted a Committee and taken steps to ensure that applicants eligible under th scheme get their pension.

Safety and Security of Workers in Construction Industry

*190. SHRI THANGABAALU:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the Safety and security of workers engaged in the construction industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Indian Standards Institution has evolved a number of standards for safety in construction industry. Municipal bye-laws also regulate construction activity within municipal limits. Also, Central and State Public Works Departments corporate safety provisions in construction contracts awarded by them.

Schemes for the Rehabilitation of displaced Persons in West Bengal

*191. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently advised the State Government of West Bengal to expedite the completion of the on-going schemes for the rehabilitation of displaced persons in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details of the on-going schemes and the various stages of their implementation till date; and

(c) what other schemes, apart from the on-going ones, are now pending with the Central Government for approval?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Government of India has been advising the Government of West Bengal from time to time to expedite the completion of 'on-going' schemes for the rehabilitation of displaced persons from former East Pakistan.

(b) The on-going schemes and their stages of implementation are as under:—

(i) *Grant of House Building loans to remaining ex-camp families:*

The State Government had sought acquisition of additional 12 acres of